REMARKS

This preliminary amendment has been made in view of the Examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action dated September 23, 1993 concerning the parent patent application (serial no. 07/863, 791) of the above-mentioned continuation application. In the Advisory Action the Examiner states that the claims do not adequately define over the cited prior art, Bohlen et al..

Specifically, Examiner states "that the essential features of the mask, i.e. varying thickness, shape, and structure etc. must be included in the claims . . .". Claims 1 and 12 have been amended in a manner so as to define the mask of the present invention to better distinguish it over the prior art.

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